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Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS

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Cover by NEAL ADAMS!

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Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS

Pencilled by DAVID FINCH, GEORGE PEREZ, STEVE EPTING, JIMMY CHEUNG, AND A COLLECTION OF AVENGERS ALL-STARS

Cover by NEAL ADAMS

AVENGERS DISASSEMBLED EPILOGUE!

In the wreckage of Avengers Mansion, Earth's Mightiest Heroes meet for the very last time! It's the end of an era, brought to you by Brian Bendis and an all-star cast of artists – including names like GEORGE PEREZ, STEVE EPTING, JIM CHEUNG, ERIC POWELL, DARICK ROBERTSON, MIKE DEMING, ALEX MALEEV, DAVID MACK and many more! Surely, there isn't a dry eye in the House of Ideas, True Believer.

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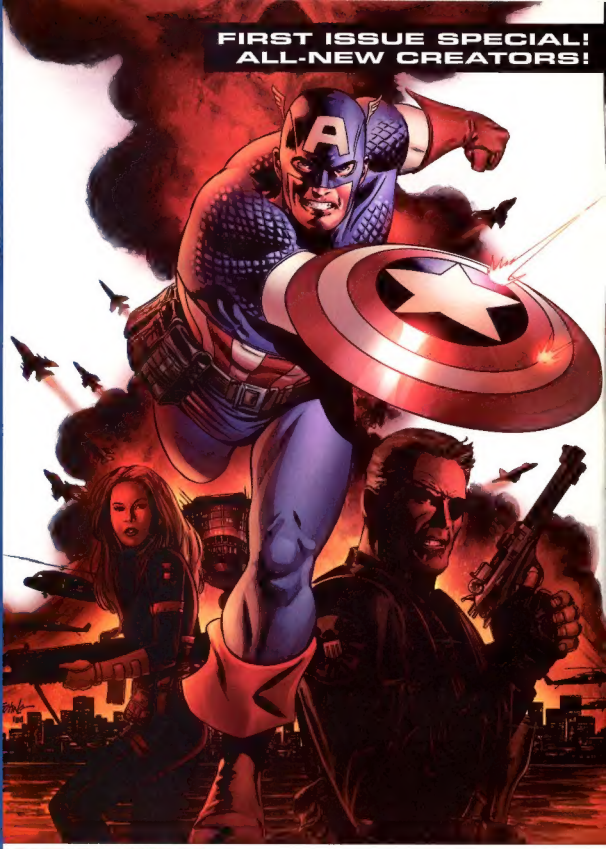

CAPTAIN AMERICA #1

Written by ED BRUBAKER

Art & Cover by STEVE EPTING

It's a new beginning as four-time Eisner-nominated Best Writer Ed Brubaker makes his Marvel debut, joined by white-hot artist Steve Epting! As the new regular creative team, they will take Cap's life in directions fans will never see coming! In just this first issue, the Red Skull lays the groundwork for his most devastating attack ever on Captain America and the land he holds dear...and with the Cosmic Cube in his possession, how can Cap hope to stop him? Find out in the shocking twist-ending that will have everybody in the industry talking!

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"EXTREMIS" PART 1 (OF 6)
It's the beginning of a new era for Iron Man as renowned scribe Warren Ellis joins forces with digital painter Adi Granov to redefine the armored avenger's world for the 21st century—a landscape of terrifying new technologies that threaten to overwhelm fragile mankind! What is Extremis, who has unleashed it, and what does its emergence portend for the world?
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PREVIEW: IRON MAN#1 by WARREN ELLIS and ADI GRANOV
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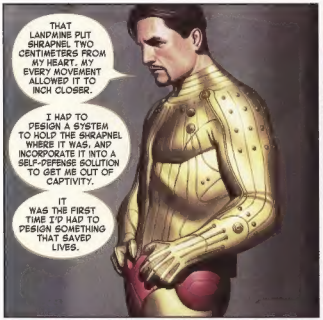
THAT LANDMINE PUT SHRAPNEL TWO CENTIMETERS FROM MY HEART. MY EVERY MOVEMENT ALLOWED IT TO INCH CLOSER.
I HAD TO DESIGN A SYSTEM TO HOLD THE SHRAPNEL WHERE IT WAS, AND INCORPORATE IT INTO A SELF-DEFENSE SOLUTION TO GET ME OUT OF CAPTIVITY.
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D HAD TO DESIGN SOMETHING THAT SAVED LIVES.

IT WAS A STOPGAP AT BEST. I GOT HOME AND PUT MY MONEY INTO A SUIT THAT'D KEEP ME ALIVE.
I SPENT YEARS IN VARIOUS VERSIONS OF THIS BREASTPLATE. HOLDING THE SHRAPNEL IN MAGNETIC FIELDS.
UNTIL MEDICAL SCIENCE CAUGHT UP WITH ME, AND I COULD GET THE DAMN THING OUT.

BUT I KEPT THE SUIT. KEPT TINKERING WITH IT.
AND I'M NOT SURE WHY ANY MORE.
EXCEPT MAYBE THAT IT WASN'T ABOUT THE FUTURE. BUT MY FUTURE.

AND IT ALLOWED ME TO PRETEND THAT I WASN'T A MAN WHO MADE LANDMINES.

I WENT FROM BEING A MAN TRAPPED IN AN IRON SUIT TO BEING A MAN FREED BY IT.

IRON MAN COMMAND SYSTEM ON.
START.

ADD1/EXPERIMENTAL SYSTEMS/OCULAR MOTION READER FOR SIGHT-BASED SYSTEM CONTROL
START
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REPULSOR FLIGHT

GUNS DON'T KILL PEOPLE STARK DOES
CONTINUED IN IRON MAN #14
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NEW THUNDERBOLTS #1 & #2
Written by KURT BUSIEK
Pencils & Cover by TOM GRUMMETT
AVENGERS DISASSEMBLED TIE-IN!
PARTS 1 & 2 (OF 6)
From the ashes of the Avengers a new group of heroes spring forth – all of whom happen to be FORMER VILLAINS! This new ongoing series signals a return to greatness for one of Marvel's longest-running titles of the last decade! And it may look all-new, but longtime fans can relax – these are the same creative schlubs who brought you the rollicking Avengers/Thunderbolts Limited Series!
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AVENGERS: EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES # 1 & # 2 (OF 8)

Written by JOE CASEY

Pencils & Cover by SCOTT KOLINS

PARTS 1 & 2 (OF 8)

This is where the legend began! A bi-weekly look into the early, pivotal period of the Marvel Universe, when five fledgling heroes – Iron Man, Thor, Giant-Man, The Wasp and The Hulk – banded together to fight the foes no single hero could overcome! But how did the public react? How did the U.S. government react? Previously untold secrets surrounding the formation of the Avengers are revealed in this all-new series, just in time to sate fans whipped into a frenzy by the Avengers Disassembled event. Here, for the first time, don't miss a beat as five individuals must learn to work as a team, and forge a legend!

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FANTASTIC FOOTNOTE: AVENGERS: EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES WILL SHIP BI-WEEKLY FOR ALL EIGHT ISSUES!

PHOENIX

REAL NAME: Jean Grey-Summers
KNOWN ALIASES: Redd Ms Psycha, Marvel Girl
IDENTITY: Secret
OCCUPATION: Former adventurer, teacher, acting headmistress, student mode
PLACE OF BIRTH: Annandale-on-Hudson, New York
CITIZENSHIP: U.S.A. no criminal record
MARITAL STATUS: Married

KNOWN RELATIVES: John Grey (father), Elaine Grey (mother), Sara Grey (sister, deceased), Gailyn Bailey (niece), Joey Bailey (nephew), Paul Bailey (brother-in-law), Scott Summers (Cyclops, husband); Christopher Summers (Corsair, father-in-law) Alexander Summers (Havoc, brother-in-law), Phillip Summers (grandfather-in-law) Deborah Summers (grandmother-in-law), Madelyne Pryor-Summers (clone, deceased); Nathan Christopher Summers (Cable, stepson), Shyla (clone stepson, deceased), Rachel Summers (Marvel Girl, alternate timeline daughter), Nate Grey (X-Man, alternate timeline son, deceased)
GROUP AFFILIATION: Formerly X-Men, Twelve, Seven Brides of Set, X-Factor, X-Terminators
EDUCATION: College level education
FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Men Vol. 1 #1 (1963)

HISTORY: Jean Grey is the younger daughter of John Grey, a history professor at Bard College in New York State and his wife Elaine. When Jean was 10 years old, an automobile killed her best friend Annie Richardson. Jean's outpouring of emotion as she held her dying friend activated her latent telepathic powers, causing her to experience Annie's own emotions as she died. Traumatized by the experience and unable to control her newly awakened powers, the young Jean became severely withdrawn and depressed.

Jean's parents took her to meet Professor Charles Xavier himself a powerful mutant telepath, who realized she was a mutant and treated her for several years. Xavier erected psychic shields in Jean's mind to prevent her from using her telepathic powers until she had become sufficiently mature to control them, and he taught her how to use her emerging telekinetic abilities. Finally, when Jean was in her middle teens, she joined the X-Men, a group of young mutants whom Xavier was training in the use of their powers, and was given the code-name Marvel Girl. Jean soon fell in love with her fellow student, Scott Summers, code-named Cyclops, but for years they were each too shy to express their feelings for each other.

Xavier finally removed the psychic shields from Jean's mind when he was faced with the threat of the alien Z'nox, and she left the X-Men shortly after. Xavier recruited a second team of students, having found herself attracted to one of the new recruits, the feral Wolverine. Shortly afterwards, Jean and other X-Men were abducted by giant robotic Sentinels sent by scientist Stephen Lang, and taken to his orbiting space station. After defeating Lang, the X-Men had to escape back to Earth in a space shuttle through a lethal solar radiation storm. The pilot's cabin lacked sufficient shielding against radiation, but Jean insisted on piloting the craft herself. While she was dying from radiation poisoning, the cosmic entity known as the Phoenix Force appeared to Jean. The Phoenix Force created a body for itself that was identical to Jean's, duplicated her memories and personality, and absorbed a portion of her consciousness. It then guided the X-Men's shuttle to a crash landing in Jamaica Bay off New York City, and cast the real Jean into suspended animation within a strange cocoon.

Under the name Phoenix, the cosmic being joined the X-Men, who believed it was the real Jean. Months later, the X-Men's foe Mastermind began mentally manipulating Phoenix's mind, ultimately brainwashing her into becoming the Black Queen of the Inner Circle of the Hellfire Club and causing it to go insane and become Dark Phoenix. Ultimately the portion of Jean's consciousness within

Official Handbook Of The Marvel Universe: Book Of The Dead 2004
Written by JEFF CHRISTIANSEN, ERIC J. MOREELS, MICHAEL HOSKIN, JONATHAN COUPER-SMARTT & RONALD BYRD
Cardstock Cover by SALVADOR LARROCA
The House of Ideas pays tribute to its fallen heroes! OHOTMUBOTD04 includes in-depth bios on more than 40 of Marvel's dearly departed — from ancient ones, old soldiers, kid sidekicks and Stacys to casualties of THE comic-book event of 2004: Avengers Disassembled! Plus: an all-new, digitally painted cover by superstar artist Salvador Larroca!
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THE PULSE #6

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Penciled by BRENT ANDERSON
Cover by MIKE MAYHEW

PART 1 (OF 5)

Jessica Jones and Luke Cage's lives have been destroyed by the events of the Secret War; so what is Jessica going to do about it? Fans of SECRET WAR – feel THE PULSE as it pounds out more gritty intrigue even as it welcomes a new artist: award-winning comics superstar Brent (RISING STARS, ASTRO CITY) Anderson! Guest-starring: Captain America, Luke Cage, Iron Fist, Nick Fury and many, many more.

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FANTASTIC FOUR #520

Written by MARK WAID
Pencils & Cover by MICHAEL WIERINGO

"GALACTUS" PART 1 (OF 6)

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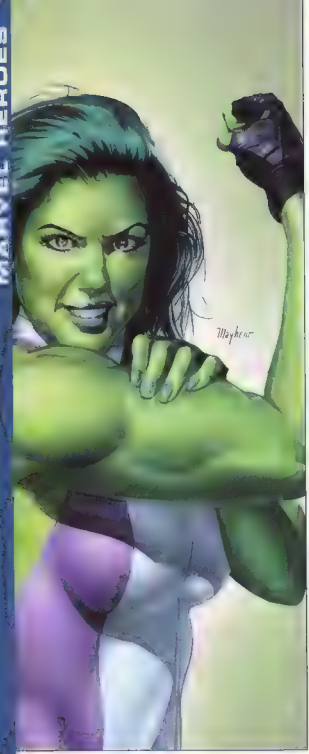
WHO AMONG THE FOUR WILL BECOME THE HERALD OF GALACTUS?



SHE-HULK #9

Written by DAN SLOTT
Penciled by JUAN BOBILLO
Cover by MIKE MAYHEW

"STRONG ENOUGH" PART 1 (OF 1)
After months in deep space, She-Hulk returns to Earth a changed woman. A major power boost has made her stronger than ever; maybe even stronger than this issue's special guest star: HERCULES! Feats of strength can wait, however, 'cause this emerald enchantress is going to the books and relying on brains, not brawn, to get the Prince of Power out of some Herculean legal problems.

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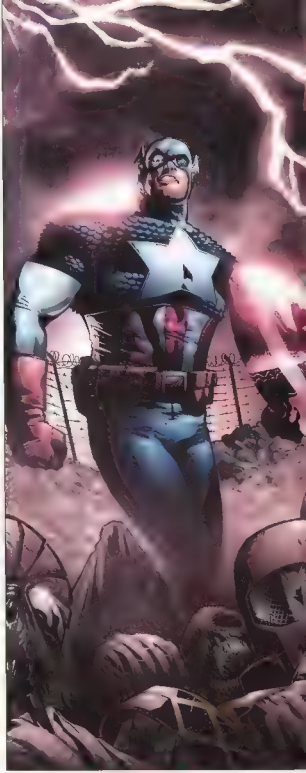

CAPTAIN AMERICA & THE FALCON #9

Written by CHRISTOPHER PRIEST
Pencils & Cover by JOE BENNETT

"BROTHERS AND KEEPERS
(ADELPHOITE PHYLAXES)" PART 2 (OF 5)
MODOK's origin is revealed as the Mental Organism Designed Only for Killing continues stalking former A.I.M. agents across Europe. Cap attempts to broker a cease-fire with Navy Intelligence. But, although the fate of the Anti-Cap appears to be resolved, the government refuses to drop criminal charges against The Falcon, which in turn pushes The Falcon to even more extreme measures. But, has he gone too far this time?

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"GOLDEN CHILD" PARTS 1 & 2 (OF 2)
When Cerebro detects Paul Patterson, a student attending Peter Parker's school who has developed mutant powers – it sets Wolverine and Spider-Man on the same path But with competing agendas, will they work together? Will they be at odds? Hard to say... but the title doesn't say "Super Friends," gang!
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"He will be a vengeful god. But he will have the heart of a man." The training of a god has ended, and now his reign will begin. Prepare yourself for the Second Coming of Adam Warlock, as the golden gladiator lays his judgment upon the world!

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Continuing the Marvel tradition of classic time-traveling stories! Former Alpha Flight ally Flashback comes begging our heroes to time-jump to the past and stop his future self from dying in an attack that involves the original Alpha Flight, and er...Omega Flight. Huh--? What?! Exactly!

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Written by MATT CHERNISS & PETER JOHNSON
Penciled by MICHAEL GAYDOS
Cover by STEVE MCNIVEN

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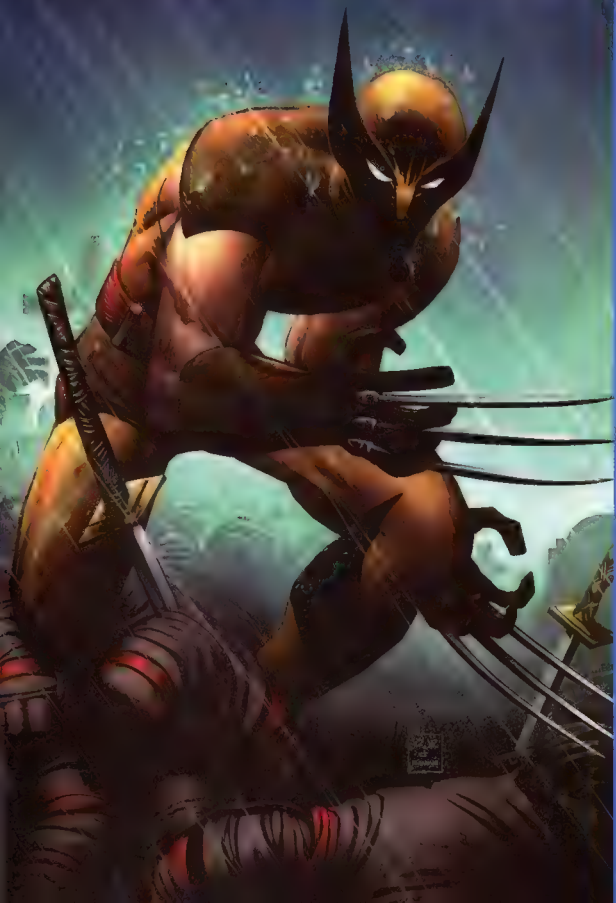

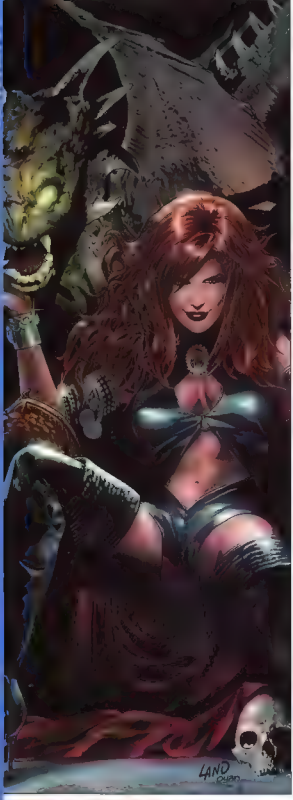

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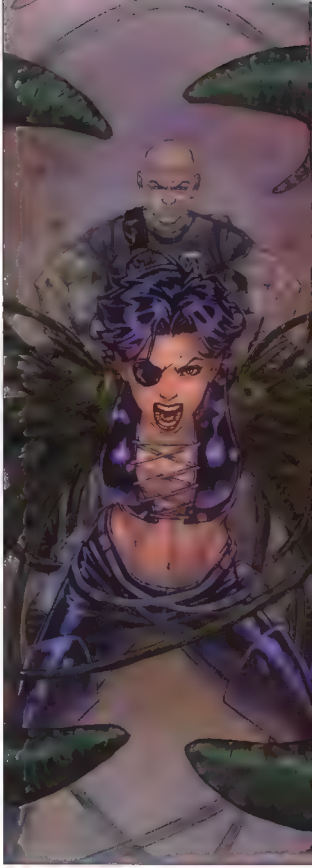

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Nightcrawler has enlisted the help of his one-time girlfriend, Amanda Sefton—a.k.a. MAGIK—to get to the bottom of the mystery of the 13 dead children. Can she defend him against the forces of the supernatural that appear to be at work, or are they both out of their league?

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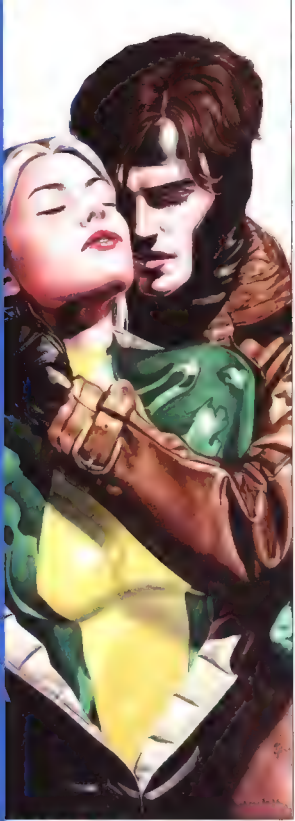

ROGUE #5

Written by ROB RODI
Penciled by CLIFF RICHARDS
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"GOING ROGUE" PART 5 (OF 6)

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As Sasquatch embarks on a mission to capture or destroy Sabretooth, more mysterious questions are raised... Has Sabretooth slaughtered an entire town of innocent civilians? And if not, what mysterious agent has turned the desolate and isolated Isle Dupree into a graveyard?

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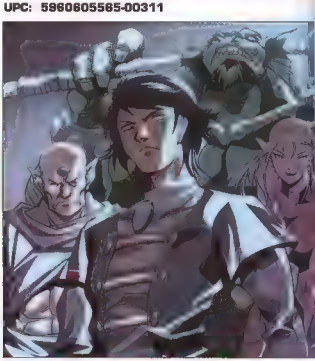

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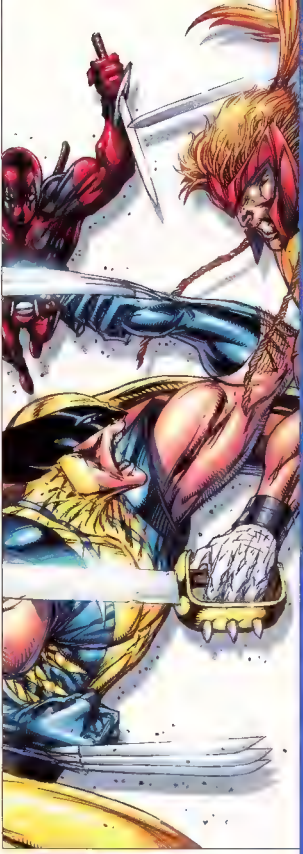

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Art & Cover by JEEVAN J. KANG

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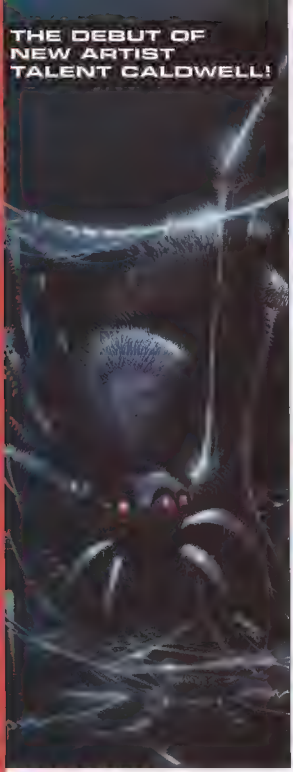

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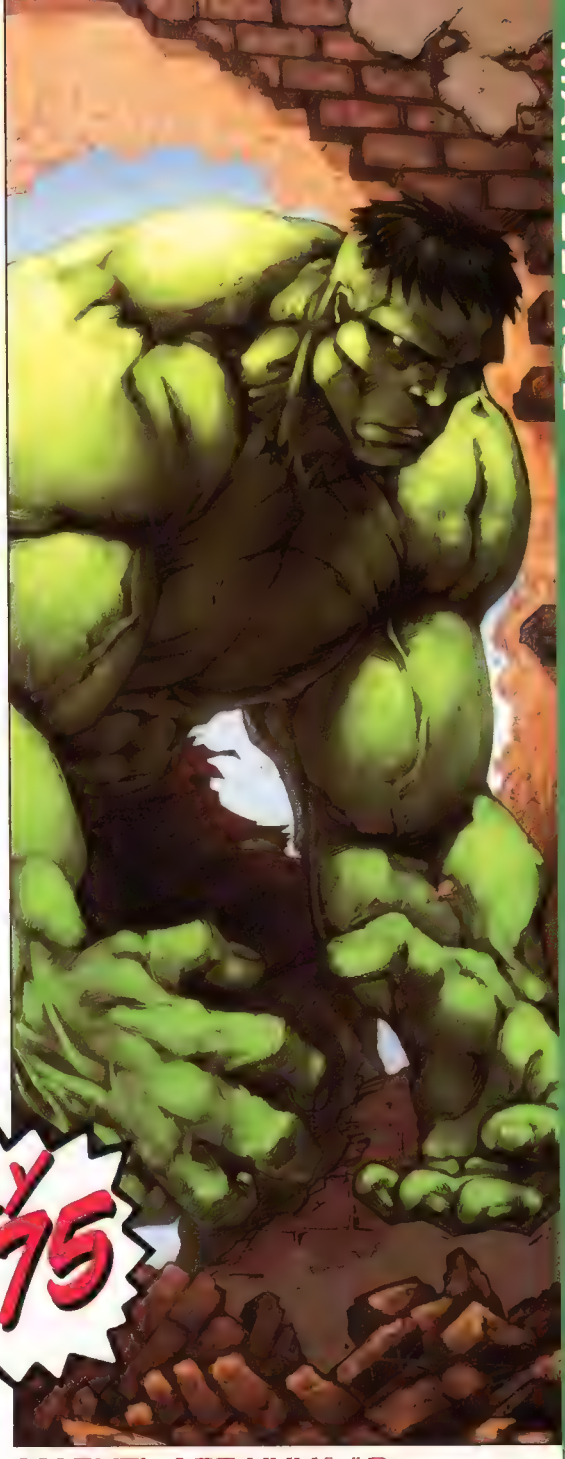

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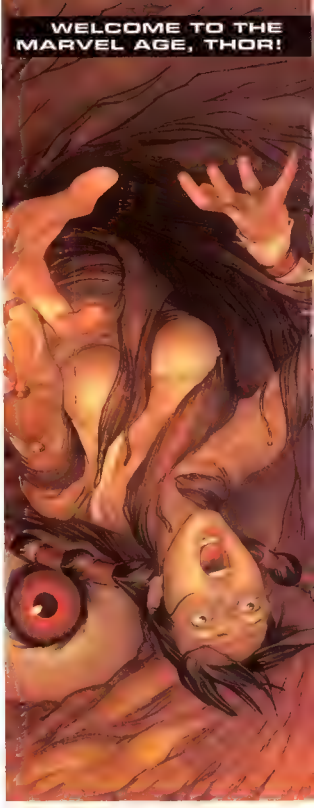

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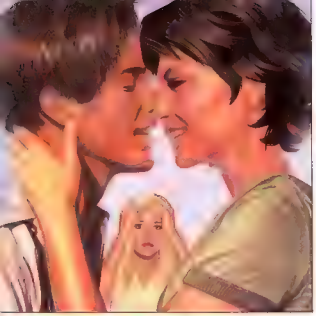

EMMA FROST #17

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"BLOOM" PART 5 (OF 6)

Emma has become extremely friendly with another, more experienced telepath...but is this relationship entirely healthy? It might not be for Ian Kendall, the teacher Emma's infatuated with...whose life is suddenly turned upside down!

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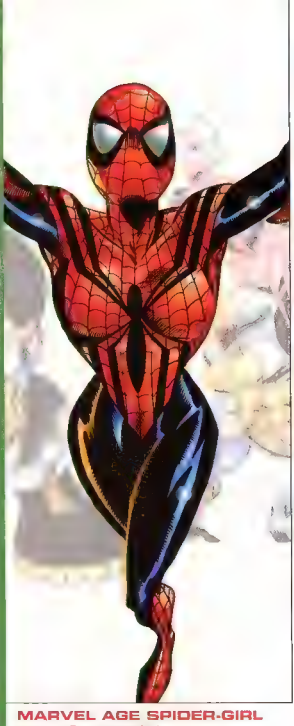

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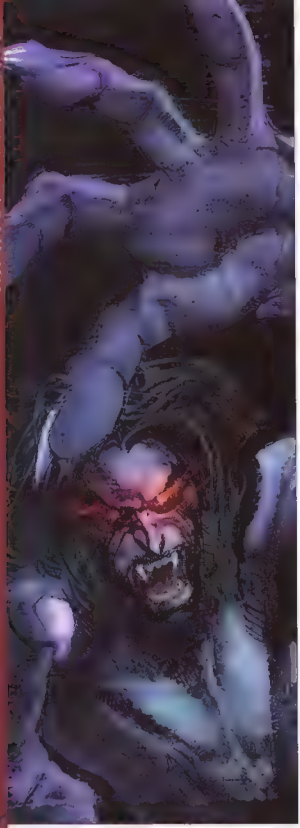

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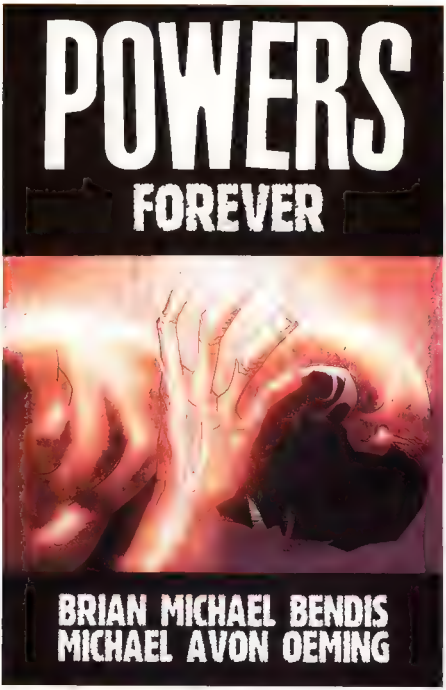

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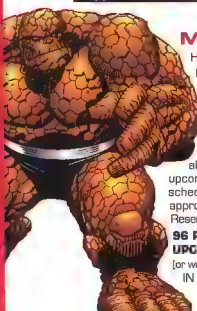

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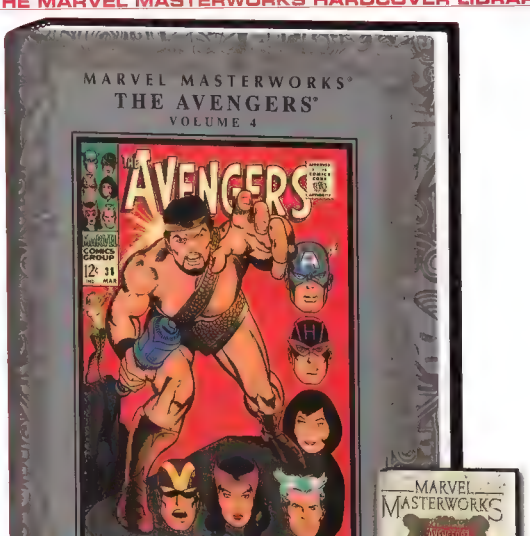

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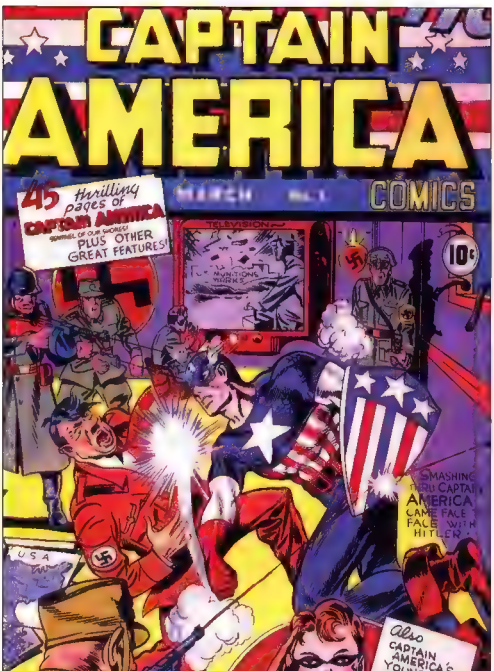

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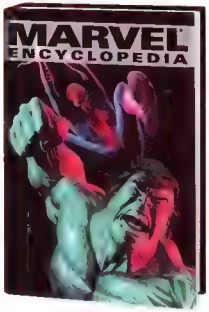

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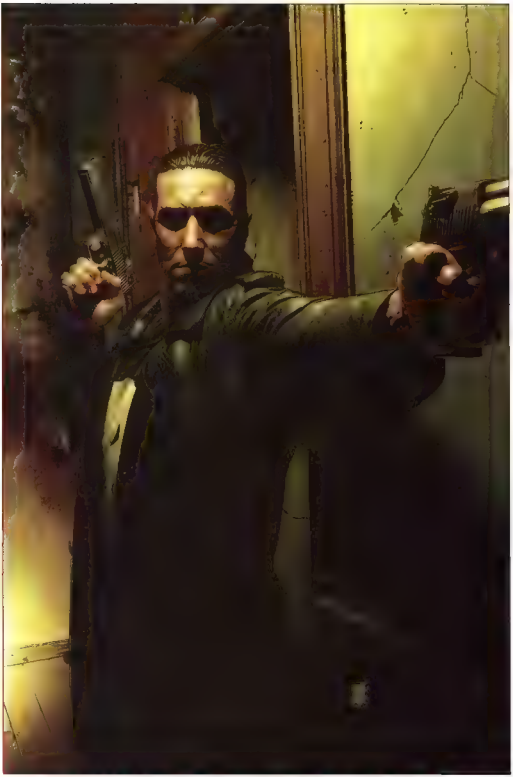

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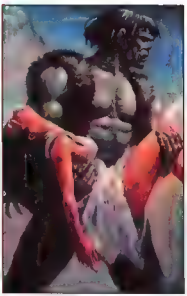

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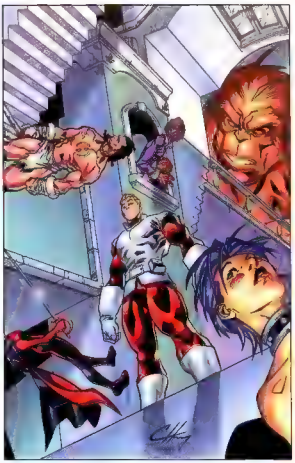

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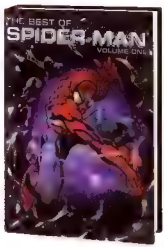

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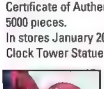

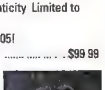

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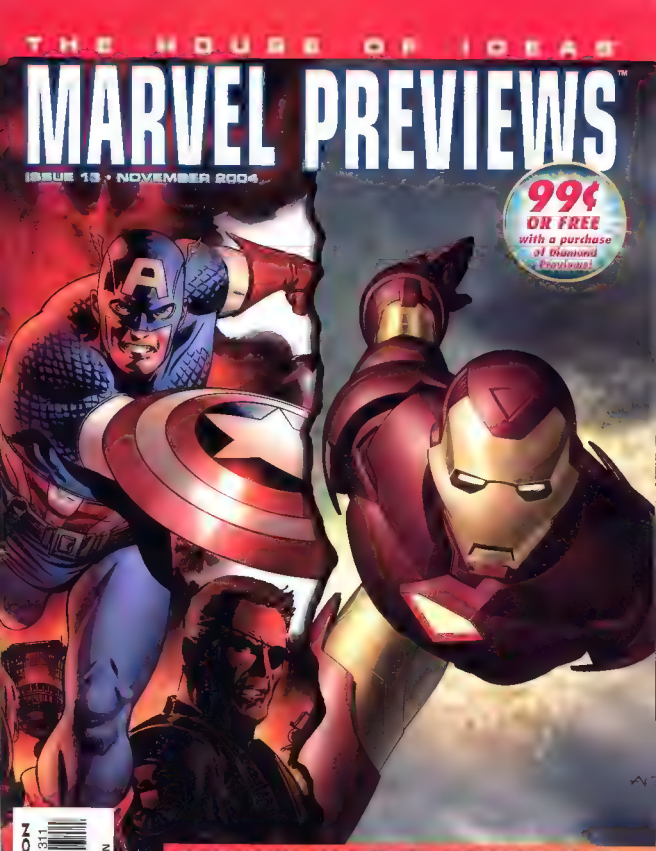

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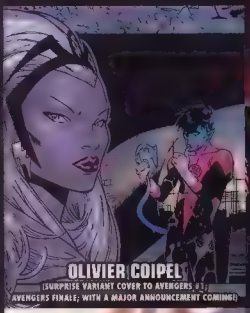

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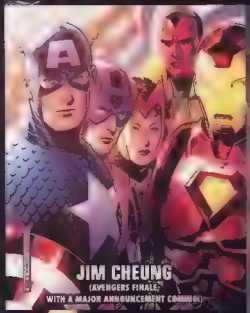

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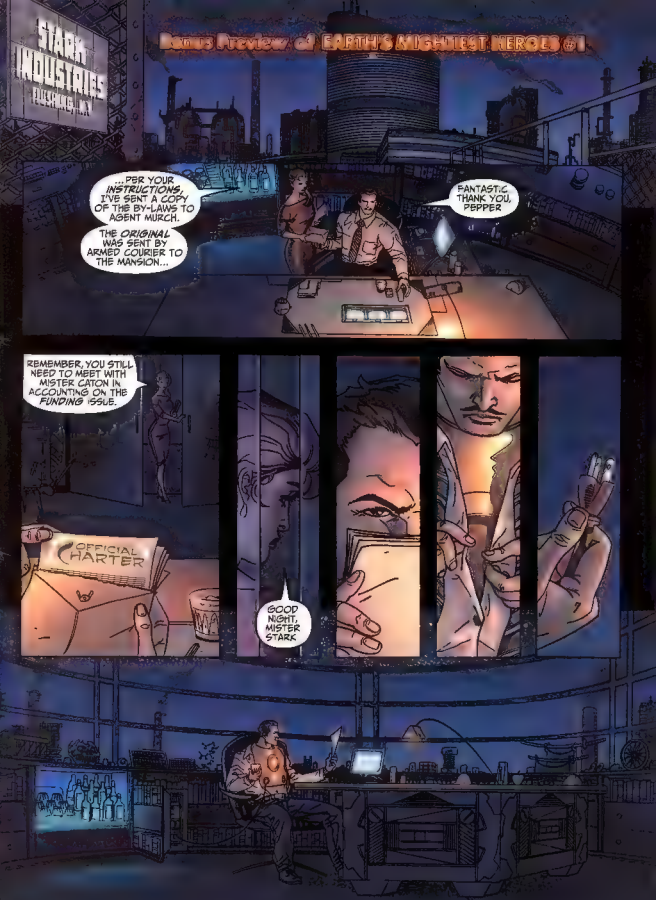
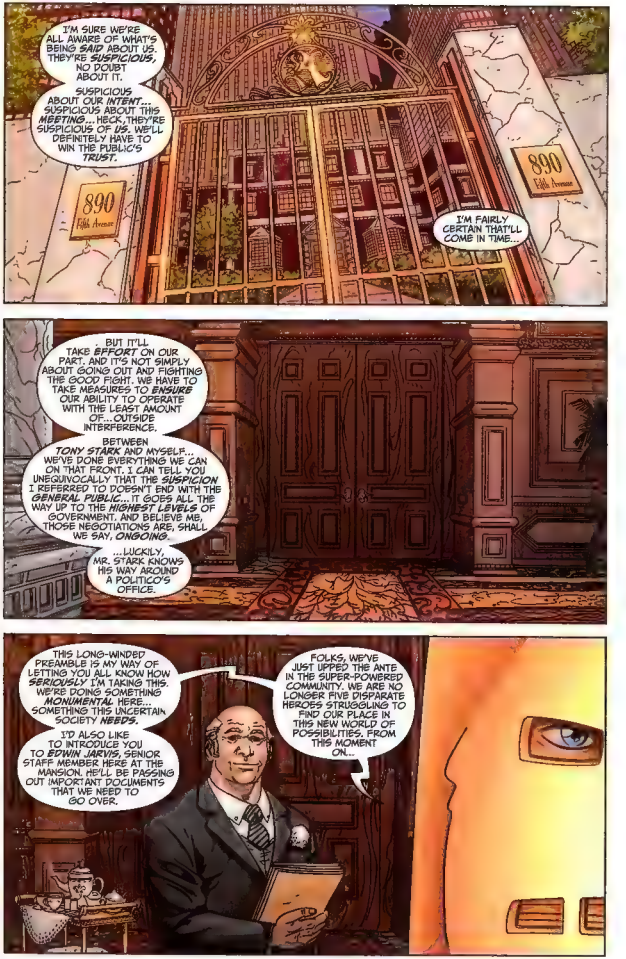

STARK INDUSTRIES
...PER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS, I'VE SENT A COPY OF THE BY-LAWS TO AGENT MURCH.
THE ORIGINAL WAS SENT BY ARMED COURIER TO THE MANSION...
FANTASTIC. THANK YOU, PEPPER
REMEMBER, YOU STILL NEED TO MEET WITH MISTER CATON IN ACCOUNTING ON THE FUNDING ISSUE.
OFFICIAL CHARTER
GOOD NIGHT, MISTER STARK.

. . EVEN MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NATURE OF THIS NEW ENDEAVOR IN WHICH FIVE SUPER-POWERED BEINGS HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO BAND TOGETHER IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY.
THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO COMMENT LATER TONIGHT
C'MON, VINNIE... TIME FOR A GUT CHECK.
ONE SHOT? ALL YOUR BALLS IN ONE SHOT?!
YOU GOT A BET, BARTON
TED BAILS IS LIVE ON FIFTH AVENUE. TED...?
MIA, BEHIND ME SITS THE MANSION BUILT IN 1932 BY HOWARD STARK... NOW OWNED BY HIS GRANDSON, ANTHONY, CEO OF STARK INDUSTRIES
STARK'S BODYGUARD HAS, SO FAR, BEEN THE PUBLIC FACE OF THIS NEWLY ANNOUNCED ORGANIZATION, AS WELL AS BEING A FOUNDING MEMBER. OTHER MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ARRIVING THROUGHOUT THE DAY...
THE MYSTERIOUS INDIVIDUAL KNOWN ONLY AS THOR ARRIVED AT THE MANSION THIS AFTERNOON, BUT HIS APPEARANCE PALED IN COMPARISON TO WHO SOON FOLLOWED..
TOO EASY

GUH...
GUESS I'LL HAVE A BEER ON YOU, STINKY.
YOU TRYIN' TO CATCH FLIES THERE...?
PERHAPS THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL MEMBER WAS CAPTURED IN THIS AMATEUR VIDEO FOOTAGE AS HE LITERALLY LANDED ON 71ST STREET.
EARLIER TODAY
THE HULK HAS HAD SEVERAL RUN-INS WITH THE U.S. MILITARY IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, AND A RECENT RAMPAGE IN A DETROIT AUTO PLANT SEEMED TO SERVE AS THE CATALYST FOR THIS GATHERING. STILL, HIS APPEARANCE AT THIS MEETING IS SURE TO RAISE EYEBROWS...
...THIS, DESPITE IRON MAN'S ASSURANCES DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT STARK INDUSTRIES YESTERDAY...
WHATEVER'S ON TAP, SID..
THE HULK IS NOT A MENACE. HIS RECENT PRESIDENTIAL PARDON MERELY REINFORCES OUR POSITION.
HE IS ONE OF US.
YESTERDAY

WE'RE WILLING TO STAKE OUR BURGEONING REPUTATIONS ON HIS VIRTUES AS A HERO
BAD MOVE, T'NHORN.
HERE YA GO, CL'NT.
SO, HOW 'BOUT IT, SID? THINK THESE GUYS ARE ON THE LEVEL...?
YOU FIRST
WELL, I'M NOT SURE I'M INTO THE WHOLE ELITIST VIBE THEY'VE GOT GOING ON. THE MANSION... STARK'S BODYGUARD SPEARHEAD NG THE THING.
POLITICAL PUNDITS ARE OFFERING THEIR ANALYSIS...
IT'S WORSE THAN THAT, KID. THAT'S SERIOUS POWER HOL NG UP IN THAT HOUSE. WHO'S TO STOP 'EM FROM, I DUNNO... TAKIN' OVER COMPLETELY?!
YOU GONNA TAKE 'EM ON...?!
NOW THAT'S PESSIMIST C.
Y'KNOW, THEY MIGHT JUST BE AS ALTRUISTIC AS THEY SAY THEY ARE.
THAT'D BE SOMETHING...
?
..AND THEIR HOPE IS THAT, IN THE COMING WEEKS, WE'LL ALL LEARN MORE ABOUT EXACTLY WHO THESE "AVENGERS" ARE.
RIGHT NOW, WE SIMPLY DON'T KNOW MUCH...


I'M SURE WE'RE ALL AWARE OF WHAT'S BEING SAID ABOUT US. THEY'RE SUSPICIOUS, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
SUSPICIOUS ABOUT OUR INTENT... SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THIS MEETING... HECK, THEY'RE SUSPICIOUS OF US. WE'LL DEFINITELY HAVE TO WIN THE PUBLIC'S TRUST.
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I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT'LL COME IN TIME...
BUT IT'LL TAKE EFFORT ON OUR PART. AND IT'S NOT SIMPLY ABOUT GOING OUT AND FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT. WE HAVE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ENSURE OUR ABILITY TO OPERATE WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT OF...OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.
BETWEEN TONY STARK AND MYSELF... WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN ON THAT FRONT. I CAN TELL YOU UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT THE SUSPICION I REFERRED TO DOESN'T END WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC...IT GOES ALL THE WAY UP TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. AND BELIEVE ME, THOSE NEGOTIATIONS ARE, SHALL WE SAY, ONGOING.
...LUCKILY, MR. STARK KNOWS HIS WAY AROUND A POLITICO'S OFFICE.
THIS LONG-WINDED PREAMBLE IS MY WAY OF LETTING YOU ALL KNOW HOW SERIOUSLY I'M TAKING THIS. WE'RE DOING SOMETHING MONUMENTAL HERE... SOMETHING THIS UNCERTAIN SOCIETY NEEDS.
I'D ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO EDWIN JARVIS, SENIOR STAFF MEMBER HERE AT THE MANSION. HE'LL BE PASSING OUT IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS THAT WE NEED TO GO OVER.
FOLKS, WE'VE JUST UPPED THE ANTE IN THE SUPER-POWERED COMMUNITY. WE ARE NO LONGER FIVE DISPARATE HEROES STRUGGLING TO FIND OUR PLACE IN THIS NEW WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES. FROM THIS MOMENT ON...

... WE'RE AVENGERS.

THESE ENVELOPES CONTAIN BOTH OUR CHARTER AND A PROPOSED DRAFT OF OUR BY-LAWS.

I DON'T WANT YOU TO FEEL LIKE I'M HITTING YOU WITH A STACK OF RULES RIGHT OFF THE BAT, BUT BASED ON INITIAL TALKS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE, MR. STARK'S LAWYERS HAVE LAID OUT SPECIFIC POINTS OF INTEREST THAT WE SHOULD DISCUSS AMONG OURSELVES IMMEDIATELY.

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LOOKS PRETTY OFFICIAL, HON..

'TIS A LITANY OF NONSENSE TO MINE EYES.

I, FOR ONE, SHALT NOT SUCCUMB TO THE HYPOCRISY OF MIDGARD BUREAUCRACY...

I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, THOR...

WHATEVER.

...AND I'M NOT THRILLED ABOUT GETTING INTO BED WITH THE *NSC* EITHER. BUT IT'S A NECESSARY EVIL IF WE'RE TO BE GRANTED *A-1 SECURITY CLEARANCE*...

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...ALL OF THEM *ESSENTIAL* FOR US TO DO OUR JOBS EFFECTIVELY.

AND WE DON'T HAVE IT YET.

AT THE MOMENT, WE'RE ON A *PROBATIONARY* PERIOD, FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM...

"... NO AVENGER SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SURRENDER KNOWLEDGE OF HIS OR HER CIVILIAN IDENTITY OR PERSONAL AFFAIRS TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE OR THE NSC..."

WELL, *THAT'S* PRETTY COOL...

YOU *WOULD* SAY THAT, YA LITTLE--

THAT'S *RIGHT*, RICK. *PRIVACY* IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO PEOPLE IN OUR... *PROFESSION.*

NOW, YOU'VE ALL GOT *COPIES* OF THE *CHARTER*... BUT *THIS* IS THE *ORIGINAL.* PRINTED ON SPECIAL PARCHMENT, THERE'S A *SPACE* AT THE BOTTOM...

...FOR ALL OF US TO *SIGN.*

OFFICIAL CHARTER

BE IT KNOWN

WASP..?
THERE. MUCH BETTER.
I WAS JUST WONDERING... IS THIS LEGAL? I MEAN, BY SIGNING A BINDING CONTRACT --
IT'S NOT QUITE A CONTRACT, PER SE. THINK OF IT AS.. A DECLARATION. A STATEMENT OF INTENT
OUR INTENT
ANT-MAN? WHAT DO YOU SAY?
YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT ME TO READ THAT FOR YOU, BIG GUY...?
SHUDDUP.
SO, WHAT IS OUR INTENT, RUST-POT?
'TIS OBVIOUS.
WE SHALL COMBAT THE FOES NO SINGLE WARRIOR COULD EVER WITHSTAND. NO MATTER THE PERSONAL COST. 'TIS OUR DESTINY TO PROTECT THOSE IN NEED.. THE INNOCENT. THE MEEK... ON THIS WORLD...
...AND WORLDS BEYOND.
UHHH..
RIGHT.
THAT'S.. CERTAINLY ONE WAY TO PUT IT.

WELL, I'M CONVINCED.
THE SOONER WE CAN GET PAST THESE ADMINISTRATIVE HASSLES, THE SOONER WE CAN GET TO WORK. FOR REAL.
HAND OVER THAT PEN WHEN YOU'RE DONE, HANDSOME.
THANK YOU BOTH.
I'M ANXIOUS TO GET STARTED, TOO.
ONCE I GET BACK TO THE NSC, OUR COMPUTER SYSTEMS WILL GO ONLINE, ALLOWING US TO CONSTANTLY MONITOR ACTIVITY WORLDWIDE...
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GUYS ARE REALLY DOING IT. AFTER DETROIT, I SURE WOULDN'T HAVE FIGURED ON ALL THIS...!
BUT IT'S GONNA BE AMAZING... AND TO THINK IT ALL STARTED WITH MY DISTRESS CALL...!
SO... I GOTTA WRITE... MY NAME...?
AND LET'S NOT FORGET THE ATTENDANT CELEBRITY THAT'LL COME WITH THIS JOB.
I MEAN, BETWEEN TONY STARK ON THE BUSINESS SIDE AND OUR VERY OWN NORSE GOD, WE'VE GOT A PRETTY PHOTOGENIC CREW HERE...
WASP, I CAN UNDERSTAND THE LURE OF FAME, BUT WE NEED TO KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE.
AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYONE SIGNING ANY ENDORSEMENT DEALS. THAT'S NO WAY TO EARN THE PUBLIC'S TRUST.
YOU MEAN, LIKE WORKING FOR STARK INDUSTRIES, MAYBE...?
YOUR CONVICTION DOTH INSPIRE ME, IRON MAN.
LET THIS DAY COMMEMORATE A GREAT UNDERTAKING, AS WE EACH EARN OUR PLACE IN VALHALLA.
BIG TALK, FANCY PANTS.
FACT IS, WE AIN'T EVER GONNA GET THAT TRUST... FROM ANYONE.
AND I AIN'T SIGNIN' SQUAT.

DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO HIM.
I'LL SIGN HIS NAME...
HEY!
YOU AIN'T MY AGENT, JONES!
DON'T BE STUPID, HULK.
THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME FOR YOU. UNLESS YOU WANT TO SPEND THE MAJORITY OF YOUR TIME SPARRING WITH THE MILITARY...!
WHO YOU CALLIN' "STUPID"?
HEY... C'MON, MAN--
YOU WANNA LOSE THOSE HANDS, KID?
DON'T YOU GET IT?! WE'RE GOING TO BAT FOR YOU! STAKING OUR REPUTATION ON --
WHO ASKED YA TO?
THIS BEHAVIOR...
...'TIS EGREGIOUS.
THOU SHALT BOTH STAND DOWN.
THOR...
STAY OUTTA THIS, CURLY. THIS IS BETWEEN ME AN' --
I DO NOT VOICE MY OPINION TWICE, BRUTE.
HUH.
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.
I DON'T NEED THIS... FROM ANY OF YOU.

:KOFF!:
:KAFF!:
SORRY ABOUT THAT, FOLKS. HE GETS... EMOTIONAL SOMETIMES. IF HE DIDN'T, HE WOULDN'T NEED ME HANGING AROUND, MAKING SURE HE DOESN'T SCREW UP AGAIN...
HE'LL COME AROUND, THOUGH. I'LL MAKE SURE OF IT. THIS IS TOO IMPORTANT...
LET'S HOPE SO, RICK...
I THINK THAT'S OUR CUE, IRON MAN.
I WOULDN'T CALL THIS MEETING A TOTAL DISASTER. THERE'S ALWAYS A LEARNING CURVE TO THESE THINGS. LET US KNOW WHEN THE COMPUTER SYSTEMS ARE UP AND RUNNING... I WANT TO NETWORK WITH MY LAB...
UNTIL NEXT TIME...!
"NOT A TOTAL DISASTER."
DON'T SWEAT IT. THIS IS LEGENDARY, MAN.
HEY...
...WHERE'D THOR GO?
:SIGH:
MEETING ADJOURNED.

INTERESTING READING, JARVIS...?
VERY INTERESTING, SIR.
I CAN'T TELL IF THAT'S SARCASM OR NOT.
JUDGING BY THAT HESITING, I WOULDN'T BLAME YOU IF IT WAS...
CERTAINLY NOT.
IF I MAY, SIR... FOR FIVE HEADSTRONG PERSONALITIES TO FIND COMMON GROUND IS A FEAT IN ITSELF, AND NOT AN EASY ONE...
THAT'S FOR SURE...
TWO INSECT HEROES... ONE WHO CLAIMS GODHOOD... A LOUD-MOUTHED, UNCONTROLLABLE THUG...
... AND A RICH INDUSTRIALIST'S BODYGUARD!
QUITE THE MIX, EH?
I'LL PLACE THIS IN THE MAIN STUDY.
IT'S... A NOBLE DOCUMENT, SIR. IT WILL SURELY SERVE TO INSPIRE OTHERS.
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT.
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